

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Serial No.: 10/579,668        )  
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Filed: May 17, 2006            )  
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FOR: Invalidity                )  
Monitoring Program,            )  
Invalidity Monitoring         )  
Method and Invalidity         )  
Monitoring System               )  
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Group Art Unit: 2437           )  
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Examiner: J. Williams         )  
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**RESPONSE TO 03/23/09 OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**INTRODUCTION**

Claims 15-28 remain in the application. Claims  
1-14 are canceled. Claims 15-28 are rejected.